

January 11, 2020 Update

SUBJECT: COVID-19: Ontario vaccine prioritization update



The Ministry of Health in Ontario government recently updated [*COVID-19 Guidance for Prioritizing Health-Care Workers for COVID-19 Vaccination*](#) to include oral health professionals as primary priorities. This does not mean the vaccine is mandatory, but will be available for oral health professionals who wish to be vaccinated.

As communicated in previous updates, ODHA has been advocating to the provincial government for vaccine priority access for Ontario dental hygienists, including sending letters to Minister Christine Elliott and Minister Sylvia Jones, outlining the generally increased risks of dental hygienists engaging in higher exposure risk procedures in the provision of health care.

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